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For:

AN OSTEOSYNTHESIS CLIP AND INSERTION TOOL FOR USE WITH BONE

TISSUE FRAGMENTS (As Amended)

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Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the final Office Action mailed October 3, 2006 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

✓ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS		HIGHEST NO.						
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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

- 1. ____ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
- 2. ____ If checked, amendments to the drawings are submitted herewith.
- 3. ____ If checked, amendment to the specification are submitted herewith.
- 4. <u>\(\vec{\vec{v}}\)</u> If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.